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FM AMEMBASSY KIGALI

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 2551

INFO AMEMBASSY BRUSSELS

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AMEMBASSY KAMPALA

AMEMBASSY KINSHASA

AMEMBASSY NAIROBI

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PFOR PGOV RW

SUBJ: RWANDAN GOVERNMENT POST-COUP

1. AMBASSADOR AUGUST LINDT, SWISS ADVISER TO THE PRESIDENT, VISITED EMBASSY JULY 18 TO INFORM US PRESIDENT HABYALIMANA HAD URGED HIM TO REMAIN IN HIS POSITION AND INDICATED HE WISHED TO INVEST HIM WITH BROADER PLANNING AND COORDINATION RESPONSIBILITIES. PRESIDENT ASKED LINDT TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS SOONEST ON VIABLE PROJECTS UNDER CONSIDERATION WHICH MIGHT BE PUSHED.

2. LINDT IMMEDIATELY THOUGHT OF THE AMERICAN WERTHEIM'S TEA-PRODUCTION AND PROCESSING PROPOSAL AND WANTED TO KNOW ITS STATUS. WE BRIEFED HIM ON SUBJECT, NOTING EXASPERATION OVER FAILURE GOR  
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COME TO GRIPS WITH OFFER AND MENTIONING COMMUNICATION

RECEIVED FROM MINISTER MUNYANEZA JUST BEFORE COUP.  
THIS IN EFFECT REJECTED WERTHEIM'S PROPOSAL  
RELATING MULINDI AREA AND INVITED HIM CONSIDER  
INVESTMENT INSTEAD IN GISOVU, KIBUYE PREFECTURE.  
ON ACCOUNT CHANGE OF GOVERNMENT AND OPINION BASED  
ON INFORMAL VIEWS PEOPLE KNOWLEDGEABLE SUCH  
MATTERS THAT WERTHEIM WOULD PROBABLY NOT BE  
INTERESTED, WE HAD NOT YET REPORTED THIS GOR  
ALTERNATE PROPOSAL. LINDT SEEMED TO THINK LITTLE  
OF ALTERNATE PROPOSAL AND ANYHOW NOW CONSIDERS IT DEAD ISSUE.  
HE INTENDS DISCUSS MATTER WITH NEW AGRICULTURAL  
OFFICIALS WITH A VIEW POSSIBLY  
OF MAKING EARLY RECOMMENDATION TO PRESIDENT FOR  
GOR TO SHOW INTEREST IN WERTHEIM'S PROPOSITION.  
WE ENCOURAGED HIM TO DO SO.

3. ALTHOUGH HE ADMIRER KAYIBANDA AS PERSON  
AND "INTELLECTUAL," LINDT WAS PAINFULLY AWARE  
OF FORMER GOVERNMENT'S SHORTCOMINGS, NOTING IT  
WAS IMPOSSIBLE TO GET ANYTHING DONE. HE FINDS  
NEW PEOPLE WITH WHOM HE NOW DEALING ALERT AND  
RESPONSIVE.

4. ON SUBJECT COMPLEXION NEW GOVERNMENT, BOTH  
LINDT AND LONGTIME BELGIAN ADVISER AT FOREIGN  
MINISTRY WOULD NOT BE SURPRISED TO SEE BOTH THADDEE  
BAGARAGAZA, RECENTLY PRESIDENT NATIONAL ASSEMBLY  
AND FORMER MINISTER INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION, AND  
BALTHAZAR BICAMUMPAKA, ALSO FORMER PRESIDENT OF  
NATIONAL ASSEMBLY AND MINISTER OF INTERIOR, TURN  
UP SOON IN HIGHLY RESPONSIBLE POSITIONS. BOTH  
MEN ARE HIGHLY REGARDED FOR THEIR EXPERIENCE AND  
ABILITY. BICAMUMPAKA FELL FROM KAYIBANDA'S GRACE  
FOR PARTICIPATING IN CONGRESSIONAL INVESTIGATION  
OF GOVERNMENT IN 1968 (KIGALI A-73, 1972, PGS. 10  
AND 11).  
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